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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM EAGLEBURGER

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1. THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO RESPOND IN HIS BEHALF TO
YOUR REFTEL ON THE WOODWARD STORY ET. AL. HE HAS NO
PROBLEM WITH THE CHANNEL DESCRIBED PARA 3 AND WANTS TO TALK
THINGS OVER WHEN YOU RETURN FOR THE CHURCH AND PERCY/
RIBICOFF HEARINGS. I WILL KEEP CHARLIE NAAS INFORMED ON
THE LATTER.

2. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT POTTINGER CALLED US LAST WEEK TO
INQUIRE AS TO YOUR WHEREABOUTS. I EXPLAINED THAT YOU
PLANNED TO BE IN WASHINGTON IN LATE JANUARY FOR A SERIES OF
CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS. HE DID NOT ASK THEN, NOR HAVE WE
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BEEN ASKED SUBSEQUENTLY, THAT YOU RETURN ANY EARLIER THAN

JANUARY 25. FURTHERMORE WE WILL DISCOURAGE ANY SUCH
REQUESTS SHOULD THEY SURFACE.

3. THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT HE HAS, AND
WILL ALWAYS HAVE, FULL CONFIDENCE IN YOU. HE SENDS HIS
BEST WISHES, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU LATER THIS
MONTH.

4. WARM REGARDS. KISSINGER

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